

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 5, 7-14, 19 and 25 are pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 11-14 and 25 are cancelled. Claims 5, 7, 10 and 19 are amended.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-4 (CANCELLED):

5 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A communication apparatus capable of using a plurality of communication channels comprising:

a setting unit configured to set a communication scheme in which a user determines both whether or not ~~[[a bulk]]~~ to require communication ~~is granted to a communication partner~~ utilizing ~~all of~~ the plurality of communication channels of a communication partner in a sending communication and whether or not to grant a request for communication utilizing the plurality of communication channels from a communication partner in a receiving communication, independently; and

~~a communication unit configured to conduct the bulk communication and a non-bulk communication with a partner via a plurality of communication channels; and~~

a control unit configured to control the number of communication channels in the sending communication and the receiving communication separately in accordance with the communication scheme set by said setting unit ~~enabling the user to control the bulk communication in the sending communication and the receiving communication independently.~~

6 (CANCELLED):

7 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said communication [[unit]] apparatus can communicate with a plurality of communication partners, and said setting unit can set the number of channels used when a communication with another communication partner is to be started while communicating using the communication channels, the number of which is controlled by said control unit.

8 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED): The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said setting unit sets whether or not a communication with another communication partner is granted.

9 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED): The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said communication apparatus can connect a plurality of external communication apparatuses, and said setting unit can set whether or not a communication via the plurality of communication channels is granted in each of the plurality of external communication apparatuses.

10 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said communication [[unit]] apparatus can communicate using a plurality of communication schemes, and

said setting unit can set whether or not a communication via the plurality of communication channels is granted in each of the plurality of communication schemes.

11-18 (CANCELLED):

19 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method of controlling a communication apparatus capable of using a plurality of communication channels comprising:

a setting step of setting a communication scheme in which a user determines both whether or not a bulk to require communication is ~~granted to a communication partner~~ utilizing all of the plurality of communication channels of a communication partner in a sending communication and whether or not to grant a request for communication utilizing the plurality of communication channels from a communication partner in a receiving communication, independently; and

~~a communication step of conducting the bulk communication and a non-bulk communication with a partner via the plurality of communication channels; and~~

a control step of controlling the number of communication channels in the sending communication and the receiving communication separately in accordance with the communication scheme set in the setting step ~~enabling the user to control the bulk communication in the sending communication and the receiving communication independently.~~

20-31 (CANCELLED):